

Hammond-Crane House
404 Diamond Street
Baltimore City
Baltimore County
Maryland

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Location: 404 Diamond Street, Baltimore (City), Maryland
USGS Baltimore East, Maryland Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.359/990.4350/490

Significance: The Hammond-Crane House is one of a dwindling number of mid-nineteenth century working class rowhouses in the Market Center area of Baltimore City which illustrate the effect of the 1822 Poppleton plan of Baltimore on architecture and demography.

Description: Located on the west side of Diamond Street in west central Baltimore. Three-story, two-bay brick house with gable roof and standing seam metal roof. Twin interior chimney stacks in south gable end. Second and third story windows six-over-six, one missing. First story window replacement. Door has carved and paneled East-Lake details. Flat brick arches over openings. Interior has plaster over lath walls; simple wood mantel in front first floor room. Narrow winding staircase in southeast corner of rear room.

History: Built about 1847-48 as investment property. Because of Poppleton plan's hierarchical grid, Diamond Street (originally Market Lane) became home of working class and poor blacks. First owner of record was Savage Hammond, a porter, who occupied house 1849-64. William W. Crane, a waiter, lived there 1871-1904. Simple architectural details and construction typical of alley house. House is located within potential historic district centered on Lexington Market, encompassing retail and wholesale commercial center of Baltimore, 1780-1950. Vacant and scheduled for demolition.

Sources: Matchett's and Woods Baltimore City Directories
Baltimore City Land Records

Historian: Janet L. Davis
Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
October 10, 1988

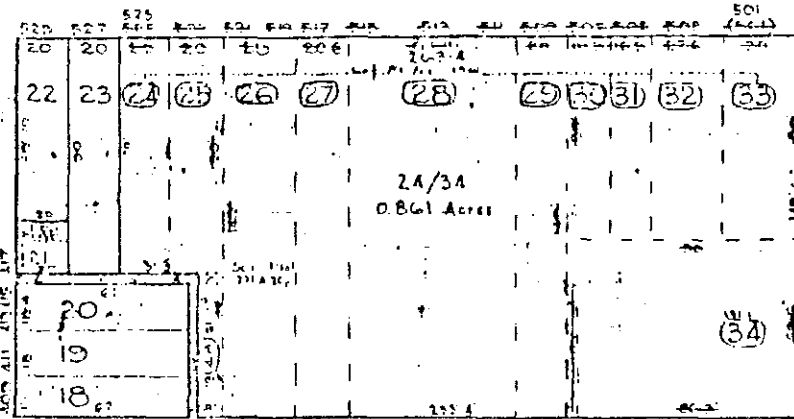
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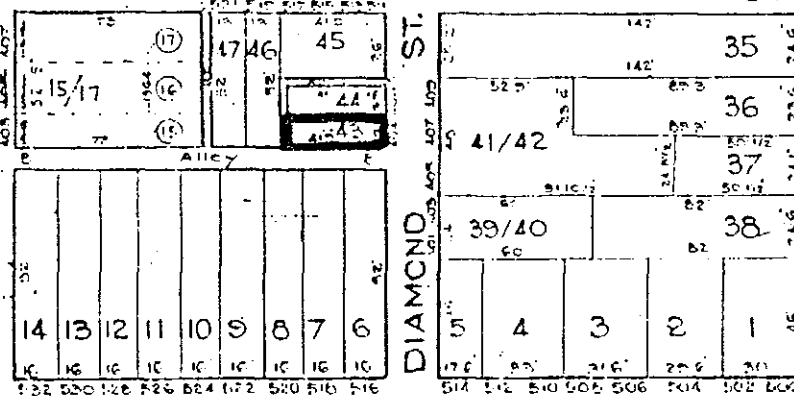


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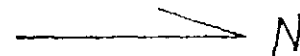
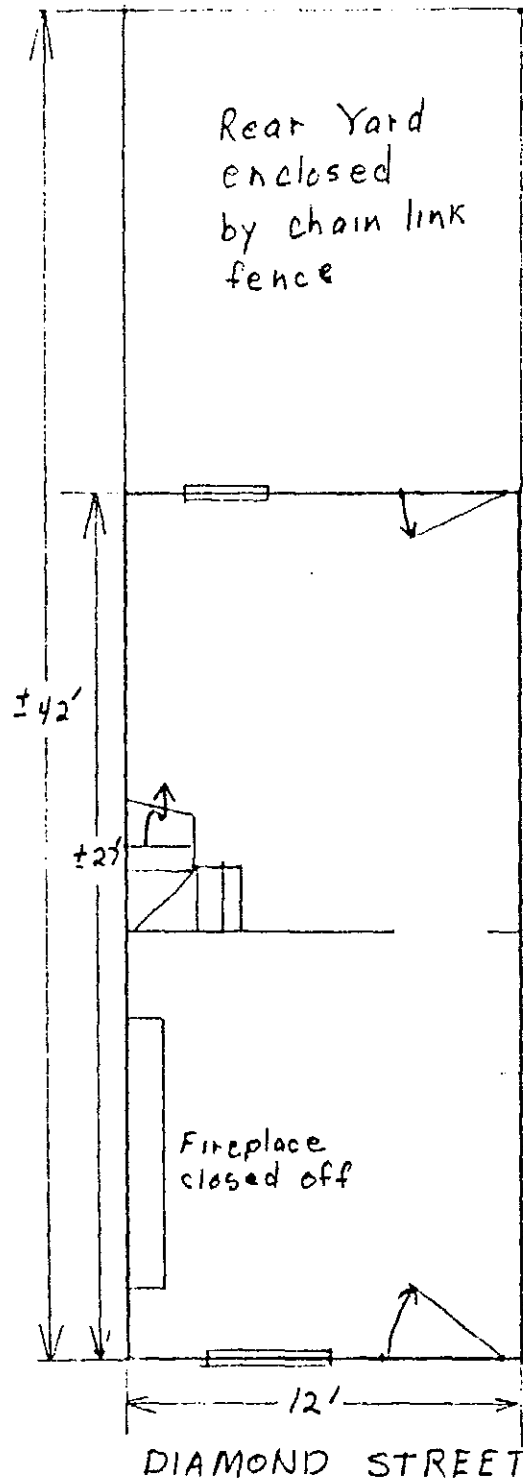


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